

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment 1 to SB2704

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2704*

House Bill No. 3778

By deleting in Section 1, as amended, the language "and sidewalks" wherever it may be found.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language before the enacting clause:

WHEREAS, The United States and Tennessee Constitutions protect the rights of its citizens to assemble and to petition its lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, These fundamental rights are to be protected and nourished, but should not be used to thwart the safety of citizens nor the conducting of business of the Tennessee legislature; and

WHEREAS, The orderly conduct of business of the Tennessee legislature is fundamental to the workings of a democracy; and

WHEREAS, A balance between a vigorous voicing of opinions and the public welfare can be struck in such a manner to respect the needs of both; and

WHEREAS, Non-approved assemblies of persons in the streets around the state capitol can impede emergency and law enforcement vehicles from performing their necessary and essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Assemblies of persons around the state capitol can be conducted effectively without interfering with the operation of emergency and law enforcement vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to maintain essential vehicular access to the streets around the state capitol are intended to be exercised prudently, cautiously, and only in the most pressing of circumstances; now, therefore,